

## CLAIMS

1. A method for event-based trading, the method comprising:  
  
defining a first trading strategy comprising a plurality of trading rules to be applied based on a comparison of at least one estimated event value to at least one actual event value to be announced at some later time;  
  
receiving the at least one actual event value;  
  
selecting at least one of the plurality of trading rules corresponding to the first trading strategy based on a comparison of the at least one actual event value compared to the at least one estimated event value; and  
  
executing the at least one selected trading rule.
2. A computer readable medium having stored therein instructions to execute the method of claim 1.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one estimated event value comprises at least one estimated news-related event indicator value, and wherein the at least one actual event value comprises at least one news-related indicator value.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one actual event value is received directly from a news source.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
displaying the at least one estimated event value in a first graphical format on a graphical user interface.
6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:  
  
upon receiving the at least one actual event value, displaying the at least one actual event value in a second graphical format on the graphical user interface.

7. The method of claim 5, wherein the at least one actual event value is input by a user via the graphical user interface.

8. The method of claim 5, further comprising:  
displaying the plurality of trading rules corresponding to the first trading strategy defined in relation to the estimated and actual event values being displayed via the graphical user interface.

9. The method of claim 5, wherein the estimated and actual event values are displayed using different indicators.

10. The method of claim 6, further comprising:  
defining a second trading strategy comprising a plurality of trading rules to be applied based on a comparison of at least one actual event value to at least one revised event value to be announced at some later time;  
receiving the at least one revised event value;  
selecting at least one of the plurality of trading rules based on a comparison of the at least one revised event value compared to the at least one actual event value; and  
executing the at least one selected trading rule corresponding to the second trading strategy.

11. The method of claim 10, further comprising:  
displaying the at least one revised event value in a third graphical format on the graphical user interface.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein the at least one revised event value comprises at least one revised news-related event value.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

displaying a time left before a release of the at least one actual event value.

14. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

once the at least one actual value is received, displaying a time since the release of the at least one actual event value.

15. An event-based trading graphical interface comprising:

a first icon being displayed in relation to an axis corresponding to a plurality of values, wherein the first icon corresponds to a first estimated event value; and

a trading rule icon displayed in relation to the axis, wherein the trading rule icon corresponds to a first range of estimated event values on the axis, and wherein the trading rule icon is associated with a first trading rule comprising a condition based at least in part on a comparison of an actual event value to be received at some later time and the first estimated event value.

16. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, wherein the first icon is adjustable in relation to the axis.

17. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, wherein the first icon is adjusted upon dragging the first icon in relation to the axis.

18. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, further comprising:

an icon displaying a time period left before a release of the actual event value.

19. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 18, further comprising:

an icon displaying a time period after the release of the actual event value.

20. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, further comprising a second interface for configuring the trading rule.

21. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 20, wherein the second interface can be activated based on a user input in relation to the at least one first icon.

22. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, wherein the event-based value comprises a news-based indicator value.

23. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, wherein the axis comprises a horizontal axis.

24. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, wherein the axis comprises a vertical axis.

25. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, wherein the axis is positioned at a user-configurable angle.

26. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, further comprising an additional icon being displayed in relation to the axis, wherein the additional icon corresponds to a second estimated event value.

27. The event-based trading graphical interface of claim 15, further comprising an additional trading rule icon being displayed in relation to the axis, wherein the additional trading rule icon corresponds to a second range of estimated values on the axis, and wherein the additional trading rule icon is associated with a second trading rule comprising a condition based at least in part on a comparison of the actual event value and the second estimated event value.

28. A method for event-based trading, the method comprising:

displaying a first icon in relation to an axis corresponding to a plurality of values, wherein the first icon corresponds to a first estimated event value;

displaying a trading rule icon in relation to the axis, wherein the trading rule icon corresponds to a first range of estimated event values on the axis, and wherein the trading rule icon is associated with a first trading rule comprising a condition based at least in part on a comparison of an actual event value and the first estimated event value;

displaying a second icon in relation to the axis, wherein the second icon corresponds to the actual event value; and

providing a visual indication if the first trading rule has been triggered.

29. The method of claim 28, further comprising:

displaying an additional icon in relation to the axis wherein the additional icon corresponds to a second estimated event value.

30. The method of claim 29, further comprising:

displaying an additional trading rule icon in relation to the axis, wherein the additional trading rule icon corresponds to a second range of estimated values on the axis, and wherein the additional trading rule icon is associated with a second trading rule, comprising a condition based at least in part on a comparison of the actual event value and the second estimated event value; and

providing a visual indication if the second trading rule has been triggered.

31. The method of claim 28, wherein providing the visual indication if the first trading rule has been triggered comprises highlighting the trading rule icon corresponding to the first rule.

33. The method of claim 28, wherein providing the visual indication if the first trading rule has been triggered comprises removing any trading rules other than the first rule from the display in relation to the axis.

34. The method of claim 28, further comprising:  
dragging a boundary of the trading rule icon to a new value on the axis to modify the first range of estimated event values corresponding to the first trading rule.

35. The method of claim 28, further comprising:  
dragging the first icon in relation to the axis, wherein a new position of the first icon corresponds to a new estimated event value.